

#### **4/7/15 Update on Sirenusa Condo Methyl Bromide Release, Cruz Bay, St. John**

Today the Methyl Bromide container that was located at the Terminex storage unit on St. Thomas was transported to a secure location at the University of USVI. The transport was conducted with DPNR resources, and OSC and EPA CID oversight. The container was over-packed and secured with a lock, and placed in a locked storage facility. The container and its transport was photo documented, and cylinder information was provided to the distributor of the Methyl Bromide container (Great Lakes Chemical). This information was requested so arrangements can be made for the transport of the container off-island.

The ATSDR Epi-Aid Team arrived on ST. Thomas on 4/6 as scheduled. The EPA OSC met the ATSDR team today and brought them to St. John to see the Sirenusa complex and introduce them to complex management representatives. ATSDR has received most of guest, worker and first responder contact information. The ATSDR team began the epidemiological interview process today with the Sirenusa management reps. Also interviewed were doctors at the clinic where the patients from the 3/18/15 episode were treated. Epi-Aid team members will continue the interview process tomorrow with condo complex staff and first responders. ATSDR continues to coordinate with the USVI DOH regarding clearance values for re-occupancy of the effected condominiums. EPA OSCs are assisting ATSDR with logistical support.

The REOC continued working with EPA Pesticides and Toxic Substances Branch to evaluate options for management of existing stocks of the fumigant. Stocks of Methyl Bromide have been identified at facilities on St. Thomas and St. Croix, consisting of one cylinder at each of two facilities. In coordination with DPNR, EPA CID, and DOJ secure locations have been identified for both the St. Thomas and St. Croix cylinders. The cylinder on St. Thomas was transported by DPNR and EPA personnel on 4/7, and the St. Croix cylinder will transported to a secure location on St. Croix on 4/8. REOC has been in contact with the distributors of the cylinders on St. Croix and St. Thomas and is arranging transportation off island. 24-hour Summa canisters will be taken in the beginning of the week of 4/13. Results of these samples will assist decision makers in the clearing of the condos for re-occupancy.

R2 REOC remains the point of contact for all EPA's activities related to this incident.

Personnel on-site today included 2 OSCs, 1 EPA CID and 1 RST contractor.

EPA is still working cooperatively with DPNR, EPA CID, DOJ, The St. John Fire Department, St. John Police Department, Terminix, ATSDR, USVI DOH and the condo complex management company.